

1-1 By: Burkett, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1191  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;  
1-3 April 30, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nelson	X			
1-9	Deuell	X			
1-10	Huffman	X			
1-11	Nichols	X			
1-12	Schwertner	X			
1-13	Taylor			X	
1-14	Uresti	X			
1-15	West	X			
1-16	Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain information about housing for persons with  
1-20 mental illness provided through the Texas Information and Referral  
1-21 Network Internet site.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
1-24 amended by adding Section 531.03132 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 531.03132. ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO REFERRAL INFORMATION  
1-26 ABOUT HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. (a) The  
1-27 commission shall make available through the Texas Information and  
1-28 Referral Network Internet site established under Section 531.0313  
1-29 information regarding housing options for persons with mental  
1-30 illness provided by public or private entities throughout the  
1-31 state. The Internet site will serve as a single point of access  
1-32 through which a person may be directed on how or where to apply for  
1-33 housing for persons with mental illness in the person's community.  
1-34 In this subsection, "private entity" includes any provider of  
1-35 housing specifically for persons with mental illness other than a  
1-36 state agency, municipality, county, or other political subdivision  
1-37 of this state, regardless of whether the provider accepts payment  
1-38 for providing housing for persons with mental illness.

1-39 (b) To the extent resources are available, the Internet site  
1-40 must be geographically indexed and designed to inform a person  
1-41 about the housing options for persons with mental illness provided  
1-42 in the area where the person lives.

1-43 (c) The Internet site must contain a searchable listing of  
1-44 available housing options for persons with mental illness by type,  
1-45 with a definition for each type of housing and an explanation of the  
1-46 populations of persons with mental illness generally served by that  
1-47 type of housing. The list must contain at a minimum the following  
1-48 types of housing for persons with mental illness:

- 1-49 (1) state hospitals;  
1-50 (2) step-down units in state hospitals;  
1-51 (3) community hospitals;  
1-52 (4) private psychiatric hospitals;  
1-53 (5) a provider of inpatient treatment services in the  
1-54 network of service providers assembled by a local mental health  
1-55 authority under Section 533.035(e), Health and Safety Code;  
1-56 (6) assisted living facilities;  
1-57 (7) continuing care facilities;  
1-58 (8) boarding homes;  
1-59 (9) emergency shelters for homeless persons;  
1-60 (10) transitional housing intended to move homeless  
1-61 persons to permanent housing;

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